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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1070

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 31, 2013

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Department of Correction Ombudsman.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Mayfield

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Department of Correction (DOC) Ombudsman to create a monthly report that includes a summary of the findings of all substantiated complaints. The bill also provides that the Ombudsman may conduct investigations of alleged violations of DOC policy, state or federal laws, and DOC administrative rules at any DOC facility. It provides that the Ombudsman may recommend changes to the commissioner of the DOC concerning DOC policies or practices.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill is not expected to significantly increase the workload of the DOC Ombudsman Bureau. The Ombudsman currently prepares monthly reports, which include a brief summary of substantiated complaints and recommendations to the DOC for resolution. The Ombudsman investigated an average of six substantiated complaints per month between May 2013 and September 2013.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Correction Ombudsman Bureau.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Indiana Department of Correction Ombudsman Bureau website:
<http://in.gov/idoc/2318.htm>.

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